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The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation released revised **proposed** rules regarding

what types of traumatic scenes may qualify a first responder for workers' comp benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The proposed rules, implementing SB 376, outlines eight situations that constitute grievous bodily harm, including decapitation, exposure of one or more internal organs, and third-degree burns. First responders remain opposed to an attempt to specify which situations would give rise to PTSD.



This week, the Montana Department of Labor and Industry **held** a hearing on the

proposed rules adopting the ODG formulary. The state legislature passed SB 312 to authorize the agency to adopt a workers' comp

drug formulary back in 2017. The Department anticipates finalizing the rules by the end of the year and will begin applying the formulary to new injuries on April 1, 2019, with legacy claims following behind by April 1, 2020.



As of November 1, Oklahoma joined the growing list of states with initial fill limits for opioids.

Under the new law, initial opioid prescriptions for acute pain are limited to a 7-day supply of the lowest effective dose. The measure is the result of **SB 1446**, signed by the Governor back in May, to curb opioid abuse throughout the state. Other measures within the new law include required continuing education in pain management and opioid use for prescribers and makes failure to check the state's PDMP subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Medicine.



This week, IWP released its newest white paper, **The War On Opioids**. This white paper explores state and federal measures to curb the opioid epidemic and a comprehensive plan for the future.



